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FOR EA ASST SECY HABIB FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP, MY (TUN HAJI ABDUL RAZAK BIN DATUK HUSSEIN,
PRIME MINISTER OF MALAYSIA)

SUBJ: REQUEST THAT PM RAZAK BE MET BY SENIOR US
OFFICIALS DURING NEW YORK LAYOVER

REF: KL 2031

1. TUN ABDUL RAZAK WILL BE TRANSITING KENNEDY AIRPORT
TWICE DURING THE NEXT THREE WEEKS. ON APRIL 27 HE WILL
FLY IN FROM LONDON ON PA 101 AT 1335 HOURS AND LEAVE FOR
COMMONWEALTH PRIME MINISTERS' CONFERENCE AT KINGSTON ON
LH 494 AT 1440 HOURS. HE WILL RETURN FROM KINGSTON BY
PA 222 ON MAY 2 ARRIVING AT 1535 HOURS AND DEPART FOR
LONDON ON BA 500 AT 2000 HOURS.

2. BOB INGERSOLL'S VISIT IN FEBRUARY 1974 WAS LAST
CONTACT THAT RAZAK HAD WITH SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL, AND I
FEEL THAT WE SHOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO MAKE CONTACT
AGAIN DURING HIS TRANSIT IN THE U.S. HE WILL ONLY BE IN THE
AIRPORT ONE HOUR ON HIS WAY TO KINGSTON, BUT WILL HAVE
ALMOST FIVE HOURS IN NEW YORK ON HIS WAY BACK ON MAY 2.
I STRONGLY URGE THAT YOU GO TO NEW YORK AND SEE HIM
DURING THIS STOP-OVER. IT WOULD PROVIDE AN IDEAL OPPORTUNITY
TO GIVE HIM OUR VIEWS ON THE FUTURE U.S. ROLE IN ASIA, OUR
ATTITUDES TOWARD ASEAN, AND OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS WITH
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THIS COUNTRY. YOUR INITIATIVE IN SEEKING THE MEETING

WOULD BE APPRECIATED AND IT WOULD ADD CONSIDERABLY TO THE
USEFULNESS OF YOUR VISIT TO MALAYSIA WHICH I HOPE YOU
WILL BE ABLE TO SCHEDULE LATER THIS SPRING.

3. IF YOU CANNOT DO IT, SOME OTHER SENIOR OFFICIAL SHOULD
TRY TO SEE THE PRIME MINISTER DURING HIS STOP-OVER.
IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE ALSO IF ED INGRAHAM COULD BE AT THE
AIRPORT DURING THE TRANSIT ENROUTE TO KINGSTON ON APRIL 27.

4. STATE 86123 ARRIVED WHILE THE FOREGOING WAS BEING TYPED.
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